

WELCOME TO SINGAPORE

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INTRODUCTION

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- ▶ Singapore has a diverse populace of nearly 5 million people which is made up of Chinese, Malay, Indian, Caucasians and Eurasians.
- ▶ Singapore is a multi-lingual nation and they speak different languages as their first language at home. Majority of Singaporean will communicate in English at their workplace or to their friend.
- ▶ The main religion in Singapore are Buddhism, Christian and Islam (Muslim).
- ▶ Singapore government emphasis a lot on racial harmony, thus each nation are paying respect to others religion and beliefs.



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CULTURAL POLICIES

- Singapore demonstrate concepts of Democracy, Peace, Progress, Justice and Equality as stars in the Singapore national flag.
- Singapore is a multi nation country, any sensitive topics such as race, religion, government policies should handle with care.
- No discrimination is allowed toward individual, organization or government.
- Singapore is known as a “fine” city, not only refers to its cleanliness or its quality of life. In fact, to ensure safety and order in the state, the government has prohibited various things.



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CULTURAL POLICY

- You will have to pay a heavy “fine” or jail if does the following
 - Littering
 - Jay walking
 - Spitting
 - Chewing gum
 - Dancing on counters or tables at a bar
 - Smoking indoors
 - Drink and drive
 - Public drunkenness
 - Taking drugs



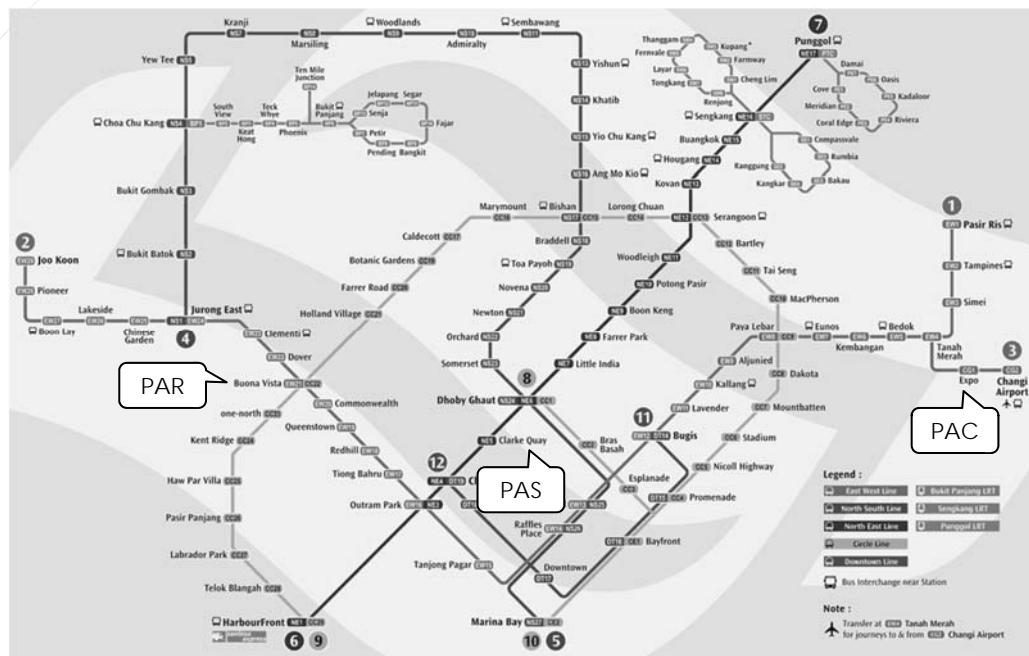
TRANSPORTATION

<http://www.sbstransit.com.sg/journeyplan/step1.aspx>

- ▶ Singapore transportation system make up of Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), Light Rail Train (LRT), Bus and Taxi.
 - ▶ The public bus is the most cost effective way to travel in Singapore.
 - ▶ While MRT is the most efficient way to reach your working destination.
 - ▶ You may only need to have a "Ez-link" card with you to pay for public transport fare e.g. MRT, LRT or Public Bus (operate by SBS and SMRT)



6 MRT MAP



ACCOMMODATION

<http://www.propertyguru.com.sg/>

- ▶ To start with renting a house in Singapore, you should know where your working location is.
- ▶ You may seek for real estate agency in Singapore to look out for a room or whole unit. [Room rate for common room range from S\$600-700/room, maximum 2 pax/room]
- ▶ You will require to pay for room deposit (1-2 months) to your landlord upon signing of contract.
- ▶ Over 80% of Singapore residents live in public housing called as HDB flat, rented a room in HDB flat is the cheapest option for housing in Singapore.
- ▶ It is advisable to rent a house nearby MRT station and keep close to your working location, to save you time of travel.



EATING PLACES

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otJKoAknWfE>

- ▶ Singapore have variety of eating places that you can find most of famous local dishes at your affordable price.
- ▶ Coffee shops can be found in most housing estates that located at ground floor of HDB flat.
- ▶ Fast food chain such as McDonald, KFC, Pizza hut, Mos Burger, Burger king etc.
- ▶ Hawker Centres and Food Courts such as Kopitiam, Food Junction, Food Republic, Banquet etc



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INCOME TAX/ TAX CLEARANCE

- Foreign employees are liable to income tax in Singapore, on all income accrued in or derived from Singapore.
- Employment income will be taxed at a flat rate of 15% or higher if your employment is less than 6 months.
- If your annual income is S\$20,000 or more, you are subject to personal income tax.
- Tax clearance apply to all work pass holders.
- It is a process of ensuring all foreign employees pays all his taxes when he ceases employment from his employer.
- Work pass holder must remain in Singapore till all tax clearance is done.



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Thank you